

SENATE BILL NO. 11.

Executive Office,
State of Texas.

Austin, Texas, April 1, 1911.

To the Secretary of State:

As provided for and required by Section 14, Article 4, of the Constitution of Texas, I am transmitting to you herewith for file in the office of the Secretary of State Senate bill No. 11, the same being,

"An Act to provide for completing the work of revising, digesting, annotating, indexing, printing and publishing the civil and criminal laws of the State of Texas, making an appropriation, and providing for fixing the price at which said statutes shall be sold and for the sale thereof, and declaring an emergency."

The act passed by the Thirty-first Legislature to provide for digesting, revising, annotating and publishing the civil and criminal laws of the State of Texas, and providing for the appointment of a committee of three to do the codifying, carried with it an appropriation of \$10,000 to pay for the services of said codifying committee. The codifiers filed their report and the Legislature passed two bills, Senate bill No. 287, said bill being practically the report of the codifying committee on the Penal Code and the Code of Criminal Procedure, and Senate bill No. 288, which is the report of the codifiers on the civil statutes. I approved Senate bill No. 287 on yesterday, March 31, 1911.

The codifiers did not complete the index to the civil statute. Senate bill No. 11, which I am now filing with the Secretary of State without approval provides for the continuation of the codifying committee for the purpose of completing the work of revising, digesting, annotating, indexing and printing the civil and criminal laws of the State, and provides that they shall receive an annual salary until said work is completed equal to the salary paid to the judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals, and appropriates \$25,000 to meet this expense. I quote at this point Section 3 of Senate bill No. 11:

"Section 3. The printing of said 'Revised Statutes' shall be done at the expense of the State, in the same

manner and under the same rules and regulations as are prescribed by law for other public printing, and shall be paid for as other public printing, and not out of the special appropriation made by this Act."

The above shows that no part of the appropriation of \$25,000 can be used to pay for the printing of the codified statutes as adopted by the Legislature. In my opinion the codified statutes as passed by the Legislature can be indexed and seven or eight thousand copies printed for the amount appropriated in Senate bill No. 11 for the continuation of the work set forth in the caption of the bill. It is believed, also, that two years time might be required under the terms of Senate bill No. 11 to complete the work of revising, digesting, annotating and indexing of the civil and criminal laws embraced in the codification acts, or more properly speaking, in Senate bills 287 and 288.

For the reasons above set forth Senate bill No. 11 is disapproved.

Yours truly,
O. B. COLQUITT,
Governor.